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OUTPUT SYSTEM	)	

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Sir:

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U.S. Patent 6,406,113  
U.S. Patent 6,467,891  
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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

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